

Directory of History of Medicine Collections

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Abstract:	<p>The History of Medicine Collections began in 1931 with the acquisition of the library of the Georgia Medical Society and reached an important new level with the gift of the Trent Collection in 1956. Today the collections, which cover the history of the health sciences, number 33,000 volumes and consist of monographs, serials, manuscripts, medical instruments, artifacts, prints, photographs, and ephemera. Early printed works and current secondary sources are represented. SERVICES: Reference in person, by letter/e-mail or phone; interlibrary loan of materials from circulating collection only to domestic locations; photo-reproduction at curator's discretion (staff does all copying or makes arrangements). HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, which includes access to exhibits, library tours, and meeting facilities. Note cards with images from the collection. Newsletter, Trent Associates Report, published twice a year. Exhibition catalogue The Physician's Art (1999) available from the Duke University Press. The Four Seasons, (2000) an interactive CD-ROM, available from the library. The Four Seasons of Human Life (2002) distributed by Balogh for Erasmus Publishing. Medicinal garden with samples of more than 50 herbs is on terrace outside reading room; pamphlet guide The Medical Garden, 2002. Digitally scanned photographs and illustrations from the collections accessible via the Library web page at the address above.</p>

Holdings:	Incunabula: 35 titles; 16th century: 500 titles; 17th century: 1,000 titles; 18th century: 2,000 titles; 19th century: 8,125 titles. Strengths in pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, materia medica, 19th century pamphlets, anesthesia, human sexuality, vivisection, yellow fever, and psychiatry. Noteworthy are the Vesalius editions, Benjamin Rush monographs and manuscripts, Edward Jenner manuscripts, and Osler letters. The Duke Authors collection consists of a signed copy of each medically-oriented monographic work published by a member of the Duke Medical Center faculty or staff. Currently, the collection subscribes to 15 journals. Outstanding non-book items: apothecary jars; 17th-18th century ivory anatomical manikins from Continent; 16th century ivory skeleton.
Collection Subject Strengths:	History of Anatomy; History of Epidemiology and Infectious Diseases; History of Medicine; History of Gynecology and Obstetrics; Materia Medica; History of Anesthesiology and Anesthesia; History of Botany; History of Reproductive Health
Other Collection Subject Strengths:	History of Vivisection
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